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SUBJECT: CEP: NATO PETROLEUM PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC) MEETING
NOVEMBER 27-28, 1973 - CURRENT OIL CRISIS ITEM

REF: AC/12-A/69

INTERIOR FOR OOG; SECDEF FOR OASD I&L; COMMERCE FOR
BODC & MARAD; USCINCEUR FOR J-4/JPO.

CHAIRMAN (VAN EUPEN) TOOK UP CURRENT OIL SITUATION
AS FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS AS INDICATED IN NATO-WIDE
CABLE WE(73)45. HE GAVE AN ORAL REPORT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION.
COMMITTEE AGREED THAT A STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ARAB OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES' DECISION OF 5 NOVEMBER, 1973,
TO CUT PRODUCTION BY 25 PER CENT COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1973
OUTPUT WOULD RESULT IN A SHORTFALL OF TOTAL OIL REQUIRE-
MENTS IN AVERAGE OF:

-BETWEEN 20-25 PER CENT FOR COUNTRIES IN NATO EUROPE, AND

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- ABOUT 12-17 PER CENT FOR THE U.S.

FURTHER, THE CUTS WOULD BE MUCH MORE SEVERE CONSIDERING
THE CURRENT DEMAND PROJECTIONS FOR LAST QUARTER 73 AND

FIRST QUARTER 74. THE PPC REVISED AND MODIFIED IS DRAFT REPORT ON THE PRECAUTIONARY STEPS NATO HQS SHOULD TAKE IF THE OIL SITUATION SHOULD DETERIORATE FURTHER. COPIES BEING HAND-CARRIED BY MR. HARNISH, OOG, DEPT OF INTERIOR, US REP TO PPC. COMMENT: DOCUMENT STATES THAT IF NAC DECIDES NATO MAY NEED TO TAKE SOME POSITIVE ACTION, THE PPC CAN BE CALLED TO MEET ON SHORT NOTICE. ATTITUDE OF SEVERAL EUROPEAN PPC REPS (ITALY AND UK), LED BY THE NETHERLANDS, CLEARLY INDICATES A RELUCTANCE TO DEAL IN SPECIFICS ON HOW NATO COULD PLAN FOR EVENTUALITIES UNLESS POLITICAL DECISION IS MADE TO BRING OIL CRISIS INTO NATO FORA. DOCUMENT COULD POSSIBLY BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE TRIGGER MECHANISM WHICH WOULD CALL FOR COUNCIL NOTIFICATION WHEN NATIONS RUN STOCKS DOWN TO POINT WHERE CIVIL AND MILITARY STOCKS ARE IN JEOPARDY.

2. PPC REQUESTED ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING US, TO SUBMIT TO NATO A COPY OF THE MONTHLY OIL STOCK REPORT SUPPLIED TO OECD. SECRETARY ADVISED THAT ONLY FOUR COUNTRIES HAD COMPLIED. NATIONS ARE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION ON NATIONAL ACTIONS TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OR CONTROL EXPORTS TO CEP DIRECTORATE THROUGH DELEGATIONS.

3. DEVEGLIA ADVISED THAT ASYG HUMPHREYS DECIDED TO ISSUE PPC REPORT AS C-M NEXT WEEK, AS WELL AS GIVING SCEPC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS REPORT AT MEETING CALLED FOR 1500 DEC. 3. (HUMPHREYS FEELS WORDING IN PARA 8 OF REPORT GIVES HIM THIS OPTION). WHILE USNATO HAS NO OBJECTION TO ISSUING DOCUMENT AS A C-M, IT WAS ASSUMED PAPER WOULD GET AIRING IN CAPITALS AND SCEPC PRIOR TO GOING TO COUNCIL. USNATO BELIEVES THAT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES SUGGESTED BY THE PPC WARRANT EARLY ATTENTION BY THE COUNCIL. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE PRIOR 1500 LOCAL DECEMBER 3 OF ANY OBJECTIONS TO PPC REPORT GOING TO COUNCIL AFTER SCEPC DEC. 3 DISCUSSION.
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